



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BY AND BETWEEN
CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
AND
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS OF P.R.CHINA**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and the Ministry of Railways of P.R.China (referred to herein individually as a PARTY and collectively as the "PARTIES" to this MOU), regarding establishing and developing long-term cooperation in the field of high-speed rail transportation and exchange of information relative to the planning, technical standards, procurement, funding and operation, in accordance with their common interests.

Both of them, on behalf of the Administrations they represent, and with the proper authorization to do so, hereby establish this MOU between the aforementioned entities, for, among others in accordance with the following clauses:

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The parties declare their interest in establishing and developing long-term cooperation in the field of high-speed rail transportation and exchange of information relative to the planning, technical standards, procurement, funding and operation, in accordance with their common interests.

EXCHANGE AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS

This MOU calls for the signing parties to exchange information relating to high-speed rail transportation. When considered useful to both Parties, each Party shall comment on the information provided by the other Party, subject to personnel availability and budgetary sources. In this way, each Party is expected to benefit from the exchange of information regarding the latest developments in the field of high speed rail transportation.

TERMINATION

Each Party may terminate this MOU by giving ten days **of prior** notice to the other Party.

LIMITATION

This MOU calls for a voluntary exchange of **public information that is not prohibited by law**. This MOU does not constitute an agreement for the provision of goods or services in exchange for compensation, nor does it represent any commitment for a future agreement of that sort. This MOU is not an exclusive agreement, and each Party **may** enter into similar agreements with other entities with interest and expertise in high-speed rail transportation.

CONFIDENTIALITY

No information **considered** confidential shall be released to the other Party unless the other Party is given prior notice on the confidentiality of such information and agrees beforehand **to** accept such information subject to the assertion of confidentiality. This provision is intended to give the receiving Party an opportunity to determine whether its internal laws allow to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

Done at _____ on _____ in two originals, each in English and Chinese language, each text being equally authentic.

Curt Pringle

Chairman

California High-Speed Rail Authority

Title

The Ministry of Railways, P.R.China